

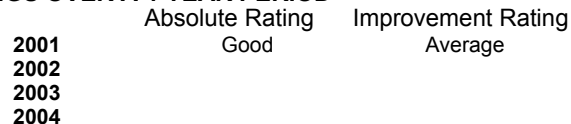
ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 90.

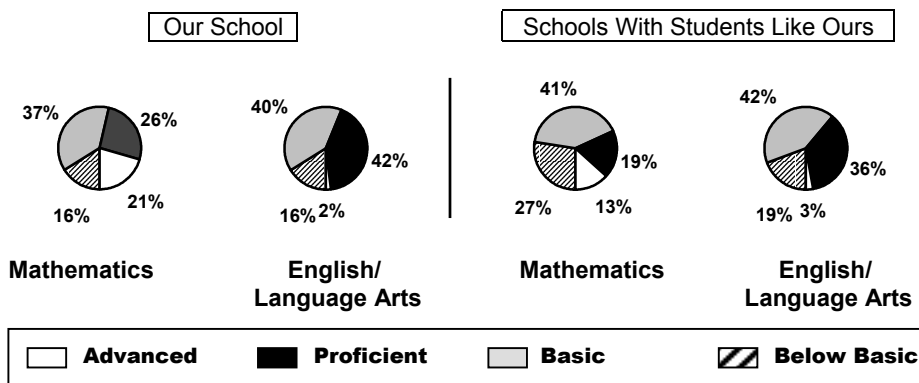
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=198)	83.8	83.8	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=22)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=176)	87.5	86.9		
Gender				
Male (n=112)	79.5	80.4		
Female (n=86)	89.5	88.4		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=16)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=173)	86.7	87.3		
Other (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=77)	70.1	71.4		
Pay for lunch (n=121)	92.6	91.7		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,874	N/A	\$5,164	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	91.7%	Up from 91.1%	90.9%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	N/A	19.1 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=455)				
• Attendance Rate	96%	Down from 96.9%	96.3%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	4%	N/A	3.4%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	2%	N/A	2.2%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	96.4%	Down from 97.2%	96.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	1.8%	Up from 0.7%	3.2%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=27)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.7 Days	Down from 7.4	7.7 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	96.6%	Up from 95.4%	95.6%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	70.4%	Up from 62.1%	48.6%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	92.6%	Down from 93.1%	84%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	N/A	N/A	88.2%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,753	Up 10.2%	\$38,172	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	63.2%	N/A	64.4%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	3	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	96.2%	N/A	98.1%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	35.5%	Up from 28.4%	40%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.2%	No change	0.9%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	2	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	16.1%	Down from 21.6%	15.3%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	7%	Down from 7.7%	8.6%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The Northwest Elementary School Family encourages all students to believe in "The Power of Learning." Therefore, our mission, in conjunction with family and community, is to ensure all students gain skills necessary to achieve personal excellence and to become responsible citizens in a global society by providing challenging educational programs and experiences in a safe and nurturing environment.

Student Accomplishments: Levi Westbrooks won first place in the DAR Essay Contest. Ariel Queen and Stephen Higginbotham were winners at the Spartanburg Regional Science Fair. Jesse Wagoner, Christine Coker, and Courtney Campbell were winners at the Cherokee County Young Writers' Gala. William Harmon came in third place at the district's spelling bee competition. Tyler Scruggs, Nicholas Parker, and Heather Duncan were district winners in the Wachovia Bank sponsored free-throw shooting contest. Max Her and Daniel Poole received Honorable Mention The Northwest Elementary School Family encourages all students to believe in "The Power of Learning." Therefore, our mission, in conjunction with family and community, is to ensure all students gain skills necessary to achieve personal excellence and to become responsible citizens in a global society by providing challenging educational programs and experiences in a safe and nurturing environment.

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Teacher Accomplishments: Mrs. Diane Masters was named our school's Teacher of the Year and was an EIA Science grant recipient. Miss Lisa Scruggs was named CCARC Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Melanie Love-Nance was selected as Reading Teacher of the Year. Miss Ashley Blanton received her Master's Degree in May. Mrs. Stacy Davidson, Mrs. Kelly Porter, and Miss Angie Minton are enrolled in the district's Masters Reading Specialist Program. Mrs. Etheleen Lawson received her Doctorate of Divinity Degree.

School Curriculum and Innovation Programs Include: School-wide writing programs "Thinking Maps" and "Write...from the Beginning," "Compass Learning" (computer assisted instruction in reading and math), "Accelerated Reader Program," "Friendly Helpers," "Lunch Buddies" (community involvement), and Rev.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	96.4	84.6	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	96.4	86.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	92.6	92.3	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Northwest Elementary
840 Green River Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 455 Students

Principal

Ms. Cathy Curry 864-487-1243

Superintendent

Dr. William B. James 864-902-3500

Board Chair

Mr. Greg B. Kirby 864-487-9058

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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